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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Director

SUBJECT: NIO Briefing Book Submission

Four things have come up in our area during your absence of which you should be aware:

(1) On Tuesday, 6 August, I quietly commissioned my colleagues to begin preparing a review of the world and its problems should such a document prove necessary for briefing purposes. When President Nixon's resignation was announced, we threw the project in high gear and had the package ready for the Director to take with him to the NSC meeting held on Saturday, 10 August. He gave Dr. Kissinger the President's copy and gave copies to Dr. Kissinger and Secretary Schlesinger. Copies have also gone to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the PFIAB and Mr. John Marsh (now a counsellor to the President). The package is entitled "Problem Issues on the International Scene" and a copy of it is in your office.

(2) Fortunately, in the summary preface to the package described above we flagged Cyprus as one of the problem areas likely to cause difficulty even though at that writing things appeared to be easing. As you know, they got worse shortly thereafter. There have been a large number of memoranda, WSAG briefings, etc., done on the Cyprus problem within the past week. It is my understanding that copies of all of these are available in your office. If not, let me know and we will certainly send additional copies to you.

(3) Attached is a note [REDACTED] the Acting NIO for the USSR and Eastern Europe, on current Soviet attitudes in light of domestic changes in the United States and of current Cyprus pressures.

(4) I had a facinating and lengthy session with Secretary Schlesinger last Friday on which I will give you an oral report at your convenience.

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FOR: The DDCI's Briefing Book

FROM: A/NIO/USSR-EE

-- Brezhnev doubtless feels the loss of a third principal partner in detente as a serious personal blow. The Soviets will take the measure of the new President with an ambivalence of anxiety and opportunism they will try hard to mask. The initial Soviet reaction to the new Administration on the atmospherics level has been warm response to assurances of continuity and work toward further progress in the bilateral relationship; the harder enactment of this is just beginning.

-- So far, the Soviets are keeping to the sidelines of the Cyprus crisis, content to watch NATO's agony and carefully juggle their own Turkish, Cypriot and Greek equities. (Selective nuzzling up to the new Greek government was viable before the resumption of hostilities; now the Soviets' inherently greater equities with Turkey are again to the fore.)

-- Following a late July Plenum and Supreme Soviet session that ducked controversial matters like economic reform and leadership adjustments, most of the Soviet leadership is on vacation.\* They have also avoided convening the usual mid-summer Crimean "vacation summit" with their East European colleagues. Instead, Brezhnev saw Kadar, Husak and Gierak separately. The Soviets may have wished to duck an acrimonious group session adjourning embarrassingly short of consensus. (When time permits, see in your stack a memo done by OCI for Secretary Schlesinger: "Unease in Eastern Europe.")

\* Brezhnev returned to Moscow Sunday 18th. B